



Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us?
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
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The News.

The intelligence by telegraph, to-day, indicates what we have all expected, that from henceforth the policy of the government is to be vigorous and warlike. We expect to hear of the advance of the federal troops, to-morrow, upon Alexandria and Harper's Ferry, and the occupation of Baltimore. Doubtless the traitors will retreat before the march of our troops upon these places. They are not yet prepared in Virginia for a fight and may not be for weeks to come. It is probable that the first fight will be at or near Cairo.

Election in Kentucky.

There was a general election Kentucky on Saturday. The returns look as if the Union men had been doing their duty. We have hopes that that state will not be dragged into disunion along with Virginia.—The people there, we trust, will see the awful fate which awaits the people of the latter state, and avoid the egregious folly of inviting a war into her own borders, which should fall upon the cotton states alone. It is the policy of Jeff. Davis to cause the border states to take the brunt of war, while his own country is safe from invasion, at least for the present. It is to be hoped that Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri will see this in time. But passion and prejudice may plunge them into the gulf of destruction. We await with much interest the news from these border states. They must take their stand within the next week.

Fortress Monroe.

Much interest is felt in the condition of this fortress. It is difficult to arrive at correct conclusions in regard to it. Doubtless there are as many men and as much munitions of war in the fortress as the government deems necessary, as there is every opportunity to place them there from vessels of war. A correspondent of the New York Herald says it has 2,000 troops, well provisioned. It has been materially strengthened on the land side, which, like all our forts, was weaker than the side towards the sea. We see it stated in some of the papers that the rebels have been permitted to erect batteries, and put in their over one hundred pieces of cannon of the largest size. The correspondent referred to states, on the contrary, that Col. Dimick, who commands the fort, has declared that if such batteries were erected he would demolish them, and that not a single appearance of aggression has yet been made. All the barracks and wood work in the interior of the fortress have been burned. There are seventy-five acres according to this correspondent, included in the grounds of the fort, which is covered with shade trees, and which are allowed to remain. The officers and men are annoyed by great numbers of fugitive slaves, who apply at the fort for admission. They are not allowed to remain on the precincts of the fort. The utmost confidence is felt that this important fortress cannot be taken by any force which the enemy can bring against it.

West Point Military Academy has been furnished for Wisconsin such men as Gen. Rufus King, Lieut. Col. Harris and Lieut. Col. Cook.—*Madison Patriot.*

This list is good as far as it goes; but why was T. H. Ruger, of this city, omitted? Mr. Ruger graduated at West Point with the highest honors and was transferred to the most honorable service in the government. He is now in Madison, superintending the organization of the military forces of the state, and has been given by Gov. Randall a position second in responsibility to none in the state, with a rank of brigadier general. Mr. Patriot, add Mr. Ruger's name to your list.

TROOPS CALLED INTO SERVICE.—The troops under the second call of the president amount to 40,000, instead of 33,000 as at first reported by the telegraph. This makes the total number called 115,000, or 148 regiments. If they are divided among the states according to the amount of population of each state, Wisconsin would be entitled to six regiments.

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When our land is illumined with liberty's smile,
If a foe from within strikes a blow at her glory,
Down, down with the traitor that dares to deny
The flag of our stars and the power of her glory!
By the millions unborn who our birthright have gained,
We will keep her bright banner forever unstained!
And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave
While the land of the free is the home of the brave!

Dr. J. J. Brown, has been appointed postmaster of Sheboygan—a good appointment.

O. Z. Olin, esq., has been appointed postmaster of Waubesa.

Attorney General Bates, is reported to be seriously ill at Washington.

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